

Environmental Justice Measure

ADEPT Conference

What is Environmental Justice?

- We know that disadvantaged and marginalised groups are hit the hardest by climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, with less ability to adapt to the consequences.
- Our aim is to ensure the **fair treatment and meaningful involvement** of all people regardless of race, colour, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies
- To do this we needed to improve our understanding of the intersectionality between deprivation and access to the environment for residents within Westminster.
- This will allow us to target interventions based on a system-wide understanding of position and benefits.

What did we create?

Westminster's Environmental Justice Measure

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Mapping the distribution of environmental conditions, climate impacts and access to green, sustainable resources across Westminster.

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- The [Environmental Justice Measure](#) is a data tool which aims to highlight differences in how people are impacted by their environment and climate change.
- We mapped 10 environmental indicators and combined with social, economic, educational and health outcomes.
- The overall Environmental Justice map was produced by applying weighting to each of the measures, depending on their importance and priority, which was then multiplied by the Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- The communication tool that we used was an online Story Map.

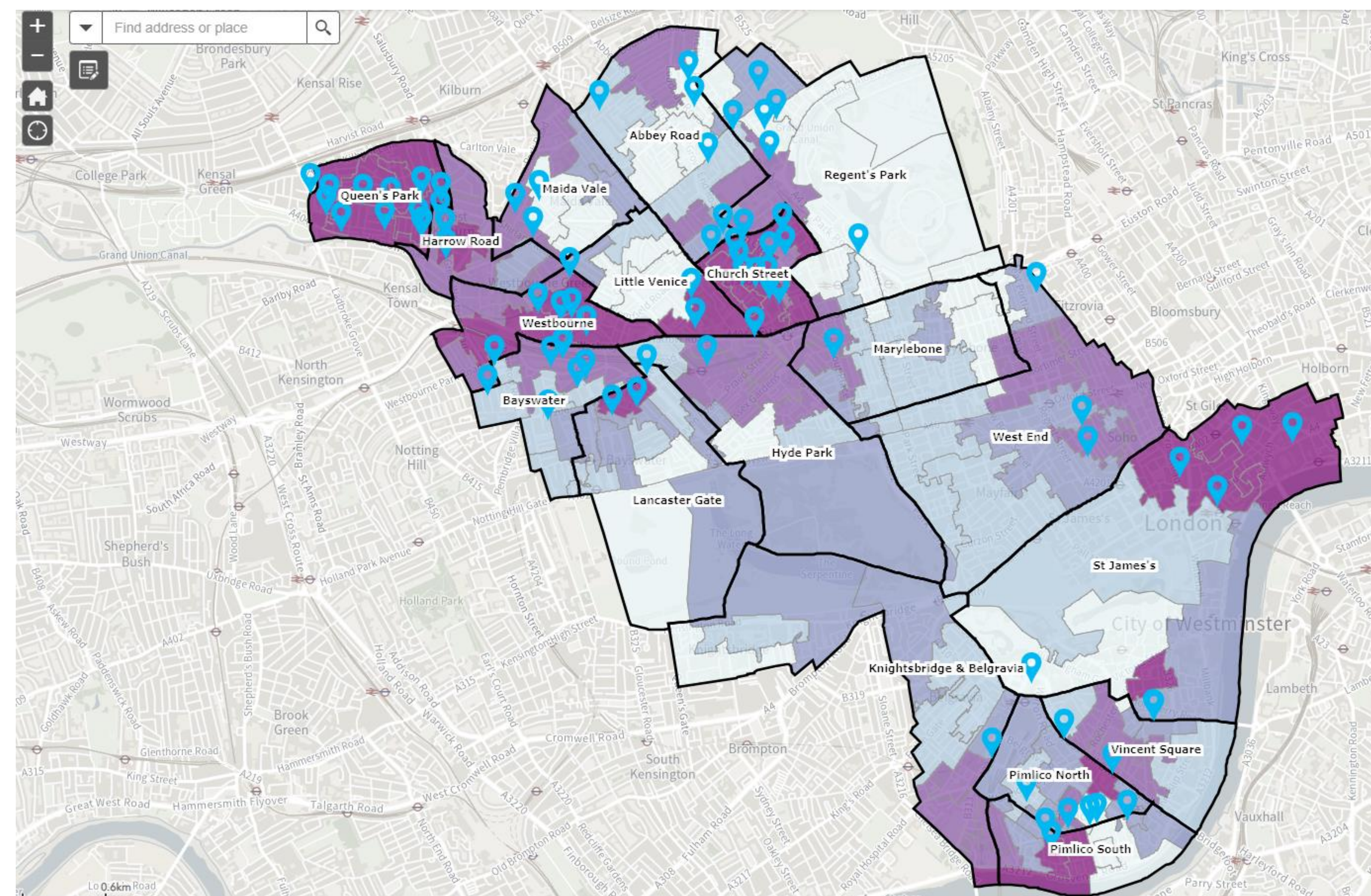
Why does it matter?

- **Policy or strategic benchmark:** The EJM can be used at the policy level to guide asset allocation decisions.
- **Performance benchmark:** The EJM can be used to gauge performance of active investment strategies.
- **Engagement tool:** The EJM can be used as a way to engage with residents and stakeholders in a transparent manner and be used for behaviour change campaigns.

Use cases

- The Greening Westminster Programme
 - *Proximity to open space is key in understanding which communities do not have good access to Westminster's Parks and open spaces.*
 - *Another advantage of having the EJM as an open access tool is that we can share the tool with our communities, and by raising awareness of climate and environmental impacts they can be incorporated into Greening Westminster proposals.*
- Carbon offset funding
 - *Submissions for carbon offset funding have referenced the EJM in their proposals and have focused on areas where there is comparatively lower environmental infrastructure.*

What Next?



- We will continue to update the EJM with the most up to date information available.
- We are in the process of highlighting relevant projects the Council has completed over the last 12 months on the EJM map.
- Through mapping council led projects on the Environmental Justice Measure we are able to target those areas that are most environmentally deprived, and explain this to residents.